

Distributives with Pronouns

Point 1: Distributives can act as a pronoun for the noun they modify.

1. I love every book. **All** of them are easy.
2. He ate all the cake. **All** of it was so yummy.
3. I have two suits. I never wear **either** of them.
4. There are two math teachers. **Neither** of them are here today.

Point 2: Distributives should not appear as pronouns before a noun they are referring to, but it happens in spoken English.

1. I have two sisters. **Both** of them are doctors. (right)
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2. We have many paintings. **All** of them are for sale. (right)
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Point 3: The distributives, the preposition "of" and the following pronoun are spoken quickly as one sound.

1. I love all of them. (a-luv-em)
2. We ate both of them. (bo-tha-ven)
3. I used all of it. (al-lu-vit)
4. He invited each of us to his house. (ea-cha-vus)

Point 4: "Both" and "all" appear before a pronoun with the preposition "of" but appear after a pronoun without it.

1. I like both of **them**. I like **them** both.
2. I gave both of **them** to Tom. / I gave **them** both to Tom.
3. I ate all of **them**. / I ate **them** all.
4. She took all of **them** outside. / She took **them** all outside.

Distributives with Object Pronouns

Read and listen to four conversations using the grammar.

Conversation 1 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Woman: Excuse me. Can you tell me about **all** the apples you have here?

Man: Sure. We have green apples, red apples, and yellow apples.

Woman: Great. Which one do you recommend?

Man: It depends. **Each** apple has a different flavor. Do you prefer sweet or sour flavor?

Woman: I like sweet and sour. So **both**, I guess.

Man: Well, **both** the red **and** yellow apples are sweet.

Woman: Great. And how much does **each** apple cost?

Man: **All** apples are \$1 **each**.

Woman: Sounds good. I'll take **one of each** then.

Man: Great. Would you like **each** one in a separate bag?

Woman: No, you can put them **all** together.

Conversation 2 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: Do you like the food here?

Woman: Yes. I love the food here. All the dishes are so delicious.

Man: What about the desserts?

Woman: I like **most of** the desserts, but not **all of them**.

Man: Do you like the cakes?

Woman: Yes. I love **all of them**. **Each** one is so good.

Man: I agree. I have one **every** time I come here.

Conversation 3 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Woman: Hello. Are **all items** for sale?

Man: Yes, everything is for sale.

Woman: Great. How much are these books?

Man: Just \$2 each.

Woman: Wonderful. I'll take this one. Have you read it?

Man: Yes. The author wrote two books. I read **both of them**. **Both** are really good.

Woman: The paintings are lovely, too.

Man: Thank you. I painted **all of them** myself.

Woman: That is so cool. How much are they?

Man: **Both of** the big paintings are \$40. **All** the smaller paintings are \$30 each.

Woman: Well, I'll just take the book for now.

Man: Okay. And you can choose one more book. You get a free book with **every** purchase.

Woman: Wonderful. In that case, I will take the **other** book by the same author.

Man: Great. Let me find it for you.

Conversation 4 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: Do you have any brothers or sisters?

Woman: I have two sisters and one brother.

Man: Do they **all** live nearby?

Woman: No, **both of** my sisters moved away.

Man: Where do they live?

Woman: They both live in New York. I see them **every** Christmas.

Man: Are they married?

Woman: No, **neither of them** are married. **Both** are single.

Man: What about your brother?

Woman: He is married. He has three kids. **All of them** are so cute.

Man: Oh, do you see them a lot?

Woman: Yes. **Every** weekend. **Either** they come to my house **or** I go to theirs.

Man: What about your parents?

Woman: They are divorced, but **both of them** still live in town.

Man: Well, it must be nice having such a big family.

Woman: Yes, it is. I love **all of them** very much.

Quiz

Answer these questions about the interview.

1) How many apples does the woman buy?

- a) One
- b) Two
- c) Three**

2) What desserts does the woman like?

- a) All of them
- b) Two of them
- c) Most of them**

3) How many books does the woman get for free?

- a) One**
- b) Two
- c) None

4) Which sisters are married?

- a) One of them
- b) Both of them
- c) Neither of them**

Gap Fill: Listen to the audio. Type in the correct word!

Conversation 1

Woman: Excuse me. Can you tell me about **all/both** the apples you have here?

Man: Sure. We have green apples, red apples, **all//and** yellow apples.

Woman: Great. Which one do you **recommend/recommends**?

Man: It depends. Each apple has a different **flavors/ flavor**. Do you prefer sweet or sour flavor?

Woman: I like sweet and sour. So **both/all**, I guess.

Man: Well, **both/each** the red and yellow apples are sweet.

Woman: Great. And how much does **each/every** apple cost?

Man: All apples are \$1 **each/either**.

Woman: Sounds good. I'll take one of **each/every** then.

Man: Great. Would you like **each/every** one in a separate bag?

Woman: No, you can put them **each/all** together.

Conversation 2

Man: Do you like the food **hear/here**?

Woman: Yes. I love the food here. **Each/All** the dishes are so delicious.

Man: What about the **dessert/desserts**?

Woman: I like most of the desserts, but not **each/all** of them.

Man: Do you like the **cake/cakes**?

Woman: Yes. I love all of them. **All/Each** one is so good.

Man: I agree. I have one **every/either** time I come here.

Conversation 3

Woman: Hello. Are **each/all** items for sale?

Man: Yes, everything is for **sold/sale**.

Woman: Great. How much are **this/these** books?

Man: Just \$2 **either/each**.

Woman: Wonderful. I'll take this one. Have you read **them/it**?

Man: Yes. The author wrote two books. I read both of them. **Both/All** are really good.

Woman: The paintings **are/is** lovely, too.

Man: Thank you. I painted all of **them/it** myself.

Woman: That is so cool. How **many/much** are they?

Man: Both of the big paintings are \$40. All the smaller paintings are \$30 **each/every**.

Woman: Well, I'll just take the book **from/for** now.

Man: Okay. And you can choose one more **books/book**. You get a free book with every purchase.

Woman: Wonderful. In **this/that** case, I will take the other book by the same author.

Man: Great. Let me find it **from/for** you.

Conversation 4

Man: Do you have **aany** brothers or sisters?

Woman: I have two sisters and one **brothersbrother**.

Man: Do they **eachall** live nearby?

Woman: No, **neitherboth** of my sisters moved away.

Man: Where do they **liveliving**?

Woman: They **allboth** live in New York. I see them every Christmas.

Man: Are they **marrymarried**?

Woman: No, neither of them are married. Both are **singlesingles**.

Man: What about **youryou** brother?

Woman: He is married. He has three kids. All of **itthem** are so cute.

Man: Oh, do you see **themit** a lot?

Woman: Yes. Every weekend. **EitherNeither** they come to my house or I go to theirs.

Man: What about your **parentsparent**?

Woman: They are divorced, but **eachboth** of them still live in town.

Man: Well, it must be nice **havinghave** such a big family.

Woman: Yes, it is. I love **allevery** of them very much.

Corporate Terminology – Safety

Incident

An accident or other occurrence which resulted in or had the potential for causing an injury or occupational disease.

“We had one incident to report this week. A loader almost hit one of our staff when she inadvertently entered the unloading area.”

Hazard area

An area in a workplace where a hazard exists, or is created, due to a condition in the area or the activities conducted in it.

“We marked the unloading area as a hazard area after yesterday’s incident.”

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Clothing or equipment worn by workers to protect against hazards. Examples include helmets, gloves, eye protection, and respirators.

“Our line of PPE is highly regarded by major construction companies in the Calgary area.”

Ergonomics

The study of designing workplaces and job tasks to fit the physical capabilities of workers. Proper ergonomics can prevent musculoskeletal disorders.

“We do extensive ergonomics analyses of our new PPE equipment before we place it in the market.”